



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 239 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 28, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.3 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 191 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 28, 2020, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 4, 2020 through March 28, 2020 for the United States were 2.48 billion. Cumulative placements were up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	33,887	34,075	34,066	34,216	33,290	34,043
Arkansas	24,495	24,192	24,285	23,858	24,368	23,392
Delaware	5,223	5,430	5,063	5,306	5,319	5,256
Florida	1,191	1,209	1,225	1,207	1,194	1,177
Georgia	35,004	35,334	35,323	34,849	35,080	35,250
Kentucky	7,870	7,873	7,111	7,760	7,749	7,497
Louisiana	3,774	3,744	3,850	3,879	3,865	3,802
Maryland	7,970	8,495	8,503	8,486	8,171	8,198
Mississippi	17,915	18,354	18,257	18,082	18,260	18,260
Missouri	8,849	8,890	9,096	8,809	8,952	9,003
North Carolina	25,254	25,138	24,981	25,292	25,015	24,724
Oklahoma	7,923	7,407	7,882	7,692	7,196	7,820
Pennsylvania	6,088	6,135	6,023	6,084	5,916	6,159
South Carolina	5,513	5,809	5,643	5,751	5,804	5,834
Texas	17,681	17,907	17,084	17,706	17,915	18,014
Virginia	6,434	6,438	6,498	6,485	6,485	6,260
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	13,193	13,173	12,915	12,734	12,760	12,887
Other States	11,138	11,540	11,721	11,988	11,505	11,886
United States	239,402	241,143	239,526	240,184	238,844	239,462
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	103	104	103

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2020

State	Week ending					
	February 22, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	25,635	24,510	24,465	24,988	24,923	25,585
Arkansas	22,190	22,396	22,025	21,417	22,029	22,848
Delaware	6,108	5,574	4,854	4,939	5,318	4,967
Florida	1,316	1,349	1,314	1,225	1,325	1,335
Georgia	25,987	27,625	27,638	27,068	28,120	26,602
Kentucky	6,612	6,435	6,555	6,073	5,912	5,601
Louisiana	3,357	3,281	3,297	3,269	3,234	3,352
Maryland	5,024	4,683	5,761	5,051	5,875	5,421
Mississippi	14,984	15,127	15,513	14,888	15,182	15,191
Missouri	5,800	5,596	5,989	5,935	5,655	6,437
North Carolina	20,185	19,854	20,355	20,003	20,830	20,200
Oklahoma	4,321	4,247	4,070	5,161	4,092	3,498
Pennsylvania	4,419	4,196	4,172	4,468	4,441	4,368
South Carolina	5,301	5,263	4,644	5,265	4,441	4,881
Texas	13,643	14,235	13,202	14,120	14,088	13,940
Virginia	5,587	6,514	6,331	6,582	5,669	6,383
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,458	11,432	11,093	11,536	11,368	11,554
Other States	8,348	8,546	8,604	9,072	9,124	8,752
United States	190,275	190,863	189,882	191,060	191,626	190,915
Percent of previous year	103	104	103	103	104	103

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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